

# Around Town

with Gene DeForrest

## PENINSULA—MARIN—EAST BAY

A group headed by Stanford graduates has purchased the well-known L'Omelette restaurant and bistro in Palo Alto. L'Omelette, which started as a hamburger stand in 1932, developed into a nationally-known French restaurant. Over the years it has been a traditional gathering place of Stanford students, faculty, alumni and friends. Bob Burnett, former Stanford coach and well-known restaurateur, will manage the operation . . .

The new Meat Block Restaurant opens soon in the Skyline Plaza Shopping Center in Daly City — a new idea in restaurants. The prices for diners will be in the range anyone can afford, open seven nights a week; free parking . . .

Overnight guests at Tiburon Lodge can have their Tiburon ferry tickets validated at the Lodge. One of Marin's most beautiful vacation spots, with good food, piano bar and heated swimming pool.

Al Williams of the Papaya Room in Pacifica will be riding on a special designed silver Charro saddle in the Columbus Day Parade in San Francisco, October 11.

Scotty Campbell's Restaurant in Redwood City has added to its fabulous collection several hundred antiques from Europe. Just browse around — there is always something new to see.

The Hide-away nightclub in Palos Verdes provides dining, entertainment, poker and pool.

Strutting violinist Johnny Vider joins pianist Maurice Anger at the Hilton Inn French Corner Restaurant in providing romantic background music every Friday and Saturday nights.

Open for both luncheon and dinner every day except Sunday, Atherton's plush Cote D'Azur restaurant is always packed with people who know that courtesy is their watchword, and everything listed on the menu is the finest.

Cherry Wainer, attractive Hammond organ stylist, and her percussionist, Don Storer, entertain for dancing in the Bon Vivant supper club of the Cabana Hyatt House, Palo Alto. The duo have made many cabaret appearances in Germany, Australia, Spain, Switzerland and Italy. In Holland they appeared in their own television series. Their repertoire includes contemporary selections, ranging from Beethoven Medleys to French songs.

The Giants' Basslers continue to meet at Ruben's the first and third Wednesday of each month, with numerous top sports figures being present.

At Ravenna's restaurant in Emeryville, the San Francisco favorite is a large bowl of steamed clams cooked to order, tossed salad with four different kinds of lettuce, artichokes, tomatoes, marinated beans and young onion. Another favorite is home-made cannellini.

The Palata in Mill Valley is a delightful place to have lunch and dinner. Excellent displays of paintings by popular artists and good food and service.

Unusual dinner treats in the indoor dining room at Sam's in Tiburon: Sam's Whisky Beef (steak strips drenched in a secret recipe sauce, covered with a good whisky) and Veal Champagne Bleu.

Cassie Howard is the popular pianist at the Chi-



CHERRY WAINER

At Cabana Hyatt House

and Cocktail Lounge in Bruce Aronson's Joe's in Westlake.

The romantic voice and guitar artistry of Edmundo Rivero are winning him a host of fans at the Shirt Tail restaurant in Palo Alto. The South American musician entertains Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. He plays pop, light classics and Latin tunes. George and Gail Mirabes sing and play the piano on Mondays.

Try a really light and delectable soufflé at L'Amberge in Atherton. Louis Frutchi, maître d', prepares a Grand Marnier or Chocolate Soufflé, a good finish to a superb French dinner.

Solomon Grady's Berkeley Marina restaurant is beautifully designed, intimate and yet roomy. Cocktail lounge has a magnificent view. A favorite dining spot, with plenty of parking space available.

A real gypsy entertains you with violin music when you dine in any of the 10 dining rooms at the Villa Charlier in San Mateo. Arpad D'Zurko, the last of the Gypsy violinists, plays your requests as he moves among the tables. Later he and George Nydick, his pianist partner, entertain at the piano bar.

Holiday parties are being booked rapidly at Bertolucci's in South San Francisco. Their handsome Mediterranean Room accommodates up to 100. For smaller groups, 10 to 25, there's the Wine Room. The famous Italian-French restaurant is available for wedding receptions and private parties Saturday afternoons.

Excellence in dining at the Velvet Turtle in Menlo Park, open 7 days a week.

Roger Cowger, the exciting new keyboard artist who entertains Tuesdays through Saturdays at Prime Rib Inn in Palo Alto, was formerly lead singer with "Saturday's Children," an ABC-Paramount recording group that headlined in top local night spots and made several network TV appearances.